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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-23 and 33-36 (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A toner container containing a toner composition, said toner composition comprising toner particles, and said particles comprising a binder resin and a release agent, wherein when the toner composition is pressed upon application of a pressure of 478 kg/cm² to form a toner plate, the toner plate has a surface having a coefficient of static friction of from 0.20 to 0.40.

25. (Currently Amended) A developer container containing a two component developer comprising a toner composition and a carrier, wherein the toner composition comprises toner particles, said particles comprising a binder resin and a release agent, and wherein when the toner composition is pressed upon application of a pressure of 478 kg/cm² to form a toner plate, the toner plate has a surface having a coefficient of static friction of from 0.20 to 0.40.

26. (Original) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image bearing member configured to bear an electrostatic latent image;

an image developer configured to develop the electrostatic latent image with a developer comprising a carrier and a toner composition to form a toner image on the image bearing member;

an image transferer configured to transfer the toner image on a receiving material optionally via an intermediate transfer medium; and

a fixer configured to fix the toner image on the receiving material upon application of heat and pressure,

wherein the image forming apparatus has a waiting period not longer than 15 seconds, a maximum electric power consumption not greater than 1.5 KW when image forming

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operations are performed and a maximum power consumption not greater than 30 W when image forming operations are not performed, and

wherein the toner composition comprises toner particles, said particles comprising a binder resin and a release agent, and wherein when the toner composition is pressed upon application of a pressure of 478 kg/cm² to form a toner plate, the toner plate has a surface having a coefficient of static friction of from 0.20 to 0.40.

- 27. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein the waiting period is not longer than 10 seconds.
- 28. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 26, further having an image forming speed not less than 30 cpm/A-4 size.
- 29. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein the fixer comprises:
- a fixing roller A having a heater therein and configured to heat the toner image on the receiving material while contacting the toner image; and
- a fixing roller B optionally having a heater therein and configured to nip the receiving material to the fixing member A,

wherein the fixing roller A has a thickness of 0.7 mm, and a pressure not greater than 1.5×10^5 Pa is applied to the fixing members A and B.

- 30. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 26, wherein the fixer comprises:
- a fixing member configured to heat the toner image on the receiving material while contacting the toner image;
 - a fixed heater configured to heat the fixing member; and
 - a pressure member configured to press the receiving material to the fixing member.

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wherein the fixing member is at least one of a belt, and an endless belt, or a combination thereof.

- 31. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 26, further comprising the <u>a</u> toner container according to Claim 24 containing the toner composition.
- 32. (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to Claim 26, further comprising the a toner container according to Claim 25 containing a two component developer, wherein the two component developer comprises the toner composition and a carrier.